

02-277

From: Alan Norris
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 8:17 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rule Changes

Dear Mr. Powell

I am very concerned that the FCC is considering relaxing the current rules governing broadcast ownership. The consolidation of media power in any given market will severely curtail independent voices in towns and cities across the country. To allow whole communities and in some instances whole states to be dominated by one media company runs contrary to the good of the people. If history teaches us anything it is that large media conglomerates have used their power to stifle opposing viewpoints. The rule changes that the FCC is currently considering will give far greater power to these conglomerates. You only have to look at who is fighting for these rule changes to see just who will benefit, Media giants such as Disney/ABC and Viacom/CBS cannot be allowed to dominate our news media. The individual consumer such as me looks to you, the commissioners of the FCC, to protect us from the giants of the industry - that is your job. Please do not let me down.

Sincerely
Alan Norris

From: Susanne Brown
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 9:15 AM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Media Ownership Limits - DO NOT Remove Remaining Regulatory Limits on Corporations

Susanne Brown
15 Tumblebrook Lane
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May 2, 2003

FCC Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC Commissioner Abernathy:

The FCC must NOT further weaken the rules that help preserve competition and diversity among the owners of American media.

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In its goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

The FCC is currently considering sweeping changes to broadcast ownership rules. Repeal of or further modification to these rules will likely open the door to more mergers that will continue to reduce competition and diversity in the media. If the rules are weakened further, one company in a city could control the most popular newspaper, TV station and possibly the cable system, giving it dominant influence over the content and slant of news and information. Such a move would reduce the diversity of cultural and political discussion in this country. Media ownership would be concentrated by corporate monopolies even further, and the public's ability to have open, informed discussion with diverse viewpoints would be compromised.

I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate the negative affects media deregulation and consolidation have had on media diversity. While there may be indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented have become more limited.

The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

I think it is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Sincerely,

Sue Brown

From: Sharon
To: Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy, neal.shapiro@nbc.com, mg3@cbsnews.com, eason.jordan@cnn.com, cnnfutures@cnn.com, newshour@pbs.org, john.moody@foxnews.com
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 10:10 AM
Subject: Media Control - Take Action Against FCC Deregulation

Please read the email below that I received today. If all of this below is true, please don't let this happen.

Thank you,
Sharon Shiell
972-203-8023

Subject: Fw: Media Control - Take Action Against FCC Deregulation

> Democracy was getting old anyway.
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> > MEDIA CHALLENGE! - An urgent action from Peace Coalitions for April 28-May
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> > The FCC is about to put vital control of media in this country in a very
> few hands - and quickly needs to be stopped. Under "deregulation" rules
> proposed by the Federal Communications Commission, the already dangerous
> monopoly of TV and radio (and therefore of news, public thought and
action)
> would dramatically worsen. The five corporations that own TV networks would
> be green-lighted to buy up each
> > other. Local TV and radio stations would be swallowed by larger
companies.
> Local newspapers and broadcast outlets would be allowed to purchase each
> other.
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> > In a few years, Fox, General Electric and the radio giant Clear
Channel -
> the most ambitious players - would potentially have an iron grip on the
way
> the majority of the public gets its information. These companies have
shown
> no interest in the public good, only in protecting their bottom lines
while
> > putting out news that is more deceiving than informing, when not
actually
> right-wing propaganda - witness the leadup to and coverage of the Iraq
war.
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> > The U.S. Senate Commerce Committee is preparing to hold crucial hearings
> on the proposed FCC deregulation. FCC chair Michael Powell is promising a
> vote on the new FCC regulations by June 2. The media giants have spent
huge
> amounts to buy support in Congress and have cleansed their news of any
> critical reporting on the Bush administration. Breaking with the industry
> line, mogul Barry Diller recently told Bill Moyers deregulation would
> greatly increase oligarchic control of media.
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> > Join the new Media Challenge! actions. Contact Congress and the FCC to

> stop this anti-democratic takeover. Here's how to do it:

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> > Media Challenge Action 1 (essential):

> > + Go to www.mediareform.net <<http://www.mediareform.net>>

> > + Click to send your message to your Congressional Representatives and the

> FCC demanding they retain current media ownership rules.

> > + The automatic message will also demand that Congress direct the FCC to

> extend its June 2 deadline and to release any proposed rule changes for

> public debate before acting on them. It will further ask Congress to

> conduct

> its own public hearings on any FCC rule changes.

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> > Media Challenge! Action 2

> > Contact these members of the Senate Commerce Committee (essential,

> especially McCain):

> > + Senator John McCain, Phone: (202) 224-2235; Fax: (202) 228-2862;

> > john_mccain@mccain.senate.gov

> > + Senator Fritiz Hollings, Phone: (202) 224-6121; fax: 202.224.4293;

> > <http://hollings.senate.gov>

> > + Senator Barbara Boxer, Phone: (202) 224-3553 or (415) 403-0100; fax:

> > 415.956.6701; boxer.senate.gov

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> > Contact these FCC Commissioners:

> > + Chairman Michael Powell, 202-418-1000, mpowell@fcc.gov

> > + Commissioner Kevin J. Martin: kjmweb@fcc.gov

> > + Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy: kabernat@fcc.gov

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> > Sample Letter or Comment to Congress folks and FCC:

> > Dear _____ (Senator or Commissioner):

> > Re: Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation.

> > Further consolidation of the media in the name of "deregulation" must be

> halted. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide

> unbiased information about most crucial issues, most notably the recent

> coverage of the war in Iraq. As an American concerned about our democracy,

I

> call on you to challenge the media conglomerates, to open the broadcast

> spectrum to a diverse range of journalists and opinions, and to reinstate

> the Fairness Doctrine. Oppose media deregulation.

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> > Media Challenge! Action 3 (helpful).

> > + Call or write network news bosses (see contacts below).

> > + Tell them you want prominent daily coverage of the upcoming FCC vote,

> the most important media question in a decade.

> > + Challenge them to report on their network's efforts to influence

> Congress and the FCC via campaign donations.

> > + Challenge them to stop protecting the Administration and report on

lies

> about Iraqi weapons of mass destruction exposed in the print media, on its

> environmental record, on the huge cutbacks coming in education, social and

> health programs and veterans benefits as money is shifted to campaign

> contributors for work in Iraq or to the wealthy in forms of new tax

> deductions.

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> > ABC NEWS CHIEF David Westin. 212.456.6200. fax: 212.456.4292,
> > ABC NEWS DIRECTOR Mimi Gurbst. 212 456 4050 fax.212 456 2795
> > ABC SWITCHBOARD (ASK FOR NEWSROOM) 212.456-7777. NEWSROOM fax
212.456.2795
> > MSNBC NEWS CHIEF Mark Effron. 201.583.5101. fax: 201.583.5199,
> mark.effron@msnbc.com MSNBC NEWS DIRECTOR Alison Hawley. 201 583 5155,
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> 201 583 5512
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From: callison
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 10:30 AM
Subject: media monopoly

This is a free country? the NRA cannot buy time to present their views.. No one view can monopolize all the news & views. wvpossum@frontiernet.net

From: John Hannibal
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 10:37 AM
Subject: deregulation

Dear Mr. Powell,

Please add my name to the list of American citizens who uppose the further deregulation of the broadcast media. Due to the deregulation act of 1996 under the Clinton administration radio in the United States of America has become nothing more than an advertising medium for a few weathy businessmen. The content of commerical radio has become so lackluster and appealing to the lowest common denominator. Talk about dumbing down our citizens. It is shameful. Further deregulation will only make matters worse and esentially take away the airwaves from the people. In fact, I guess all that talk of the airwaves belonging to us is just so much meaningless rhetoric.

Do the right thing Mr. Powell and stop contributing to the wasteland of the airwaves. Power by a few spells very big trouble for this country. Why do I have the feeling this is falling on deaf ears?

Sincerely,

John E. Hannibal III

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Dennis Madsen
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 10:42 AM
Subject: media regulation

To: FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell

Commissioners Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Kevin J. Martin, Michael J. Copps, Jonathan S. Adelstein, Senators Saxby Chambliss, Zell Miller

Dear Chairman:

I do not doubt that you have received a number of e-mails similar to this, but I can only hope that you take the time to read and consider the arguments.

I am pleased to learn that the FCC is launching a review of media ownership rules. I am appalled at the massive media mergers that have changed the face of American broadcasting over the last decade. Entire communities are no longer being served by independent voices, local news and programming. Previous relaxation of ownership rules have gutted commercial radio of its variety, color, independence and sense of competition. This can hardly be deemed "broadcasting in the public interest."

The days of competing local radio formats have been replaced by homogenized rebroadcasts of the same satellite feeds from the same national sources to practically every market in the nation. This is particularly evident in smaller cities like Santa Barbara, CA where one company, Clear Channel, now owns seven radio stations- a literal stranglehold on the local radio band.

We need to encourage independent ownership and diversity of programming. There was inherent wisdom in earlier FCC rulings that imposed strict limits on the amount of stations one company could own. The same may be said of FCC rules prohibiting one company from owning a broadcasting station and a newspaper in the same market.

The idea that the FCC may further loosen ownership rules is preposterous. The time has come to rescind the previous relaxations of these rules, to re-impose ownership limits, to reinstate rules requiring annual local programming assessments, and to force media behemoths like Clear Channel and Infinity to diversify their holdings. This is not healthy competition, this is the Wal-Martization of the media, to the detriment of smaller business owners, and the listening public in general.

To allow the most popular sources of news, information and entertainment to be owned by a small handful of people across the nation and in any one community is extremely dangerous for our democratic process.

Please, please, please! Stop the monopolization of our airwaves. The silencing of diversity in broadcasting is a stealth assault on democracy, and the FCC is our last line of defense!

Thank you,

Dennis J. Madsen
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CC: Laura Lester [E-mail 3], Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, saxby_chambliss@chambliss.senate.gov, zell_miller@miller.senate.gov

From: Paul H
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 10:56 AM
Subject: Monopoly Ownership

Dear Mr Powell:

I am deeply concerned about this issue of relaxing the FCC rules that prohibit monopoly ownership of our media sources. This has the potential to limit opposing views on all subjects that could influence our lives.

We as citizens of this great country, we have the freedom to hear and express our concerns and rights that may effect us. If a monopoly begins and special interests take root in our means of broadcasting information, we as citizens in this country could potentially lose our right to know vital information that affects our lives.

We don't have to look far to see a simple example of the control that this could have on our country. Just a simple observation of other countries who's media source which is controlled by a monopoly should scare anyone from allowing such an event to ever take place in our country.

I urge you to vote to prohibit monopoly ownership of all our media sources. To do contrary, would mean to jeopardize our right to know and be advised of situations that could have a negative impact on our lives....Even to someday take our precious freedoms away!

Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns.

Sincerely

Paul R Hinkel
Chester, CT 06412

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From: Candice & David
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 11:06 AM
Subject: FCC

Dear Commissioner Powell,

Please use your position to uphold our rights in a democratic nation and to not be ruled and owned by the corporations whose bottom line is more important than providing accurate reporting to the people.

Further consolidation of the media in the name of "deregulation" must be halted. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide unbiased information about most crucial issues, most notably the recent coverage of the war in Iraq.

As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to challenge the media conglomerates, to open the broadcast spectrum to a diverse range of journalists and opinions, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine. Oppose media deregulation. Let's remember this is America where we cherish "Free Press". The current deregulation has affected our ability to get unbiased news and further regulation will destroy what's left.

Sincerely,
Candice Cosler

From: christopher mclean
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 11:55 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

christopher mclean (beyondfilm@earthlink.net) writes:

Shame on you for auctioning off regulations that ensure a balanced ownership of media outlets. A Free Press, gaurenteed by a variety of airwaves ownership and opinions, is a the heart of a Democratic society.
You have condemned yourself, your children and future generations to corruption and grave abuses of power. DO NOT WEAKEN MEDIA OWNERSHIP RESTRICTIONS.

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From: Duncan B. Cox, Jr
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 11:55 AM
Subject: Media monopoly restrictions

TO: FCC Committee Considering Media Ownership Restrictions

I am concerned about the condensation of media ownership into a few powerful owners. I believe that our information media are vital to our national interest and that diversity in ownership will promote diversity in viewpoints. I believe that such diversity is vital to the protection of minority rights and to the promulgation of minority ideas that will eventually be seen as meritorious by the majority. I urge you to maintain governmental restrictions on the number of electronic media outlets that any one company can own, or to impose similar restrictions that will efficiently have the effect of promoting such diversity.

Sincerely,

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Taplin, Jon
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 12:49 PM
Subject: FW: FCC Media Consolidation Decision

Please stop the rush to free up Big Media on June 6.

Jonathan Taplin
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Santa Monica, CA 90404
tel-310-264-4242

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Taplin, Jon
> Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2003 3:20 PM
> To: John McCain (E-mail)
> Subject: FCC Media Consolidation Decision

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> Dear Senator-I've been a long time supporter of Straight Talk America. I
> am writing you because I believe you are the only person who can stop the
> FCC from giving Big Media total control of the people's airwaves when the
> FCC meets in early June. I recently spoke at the FCC's Media Consolidation
> Hearing in LA and made some mild criticism of Clear Channel. This caused
> Rush Limbaugh and his followers to light into me. Ironically, some of them
> heaped scorn on you as well. Here is where it is all posted.
> www.bearflag.org/log

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> Yours truly,
> Jon Taplin

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From: jrdavis6
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 12:53 PM
Subject: broadcast ownership rules

i urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect ameriancitizens from media monopolies

CC: jrdavis6@cpintenet.com

From: Kashyap Trivedi
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 1:10 PM
Subject: vote on June 2nd

Dear Chairman Powell:

I have recently learned that on June 2nd, the FCC is poised to vote on changing ownership rules which would dramatically affect the media content we hear and watch in this country. I am writing this letter to express my deep concern that relaxing your regulatory standards would erode the diversity of opinions we hear. I cite ClearChannel Communications as an example. Now owning over 1200 radio stations nationwide, this conglomerate has decreased the variety of music and political opinions that we can access.

In your Strategic Goals, you state that the FCC should "revise media regulations so that media ownership rules promote competition and diversity."

The FCC should also provide a "competitive framework," which "should foster innovation and offer consumers meaningful choice in services." Allowing companies such as Clearchannel and others to further consolidate their media reach would clearly be against the stated goals of the FCC.

I have strong reservations against any FCC measure which would continue this trend of decreasing choice and diversity we have witnessed since 1996.

Thank you for your time,

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From: Roy Bascomb
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 7:40 PM
Subject: Relaxation of the Broadcast Ownership Rules

The Honorable Michael K. Powell, Chairman

Dear Mr. Powell,

I urge you NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio

and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are

now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep

opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake

of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades,

have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,

Roy E. Bascomb

Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103

From: DaveGG@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 7:49 PM
Subject: Media Ownership

I urge you to vote against any further media consolidation in this country!
The airwaves belong to the American people, not to a chosen few to make enormous profits. We stand to lose far, far more than we could possibly gain: Less local news, less local involvement, less diversity of opinion, fewer opportunities for ordinary citizens to be heard. Our country rests solidly on an open, informed media. Consolidation restricts the media and diminishes the flow of information.

DGardner
Seattle

From: GrBritton@aol.com
To: mpowell@fcc.com, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 7:51 PM
Subject: Proposed "broadcast ownership rules"

I must add my voice to those of other citizens who are deeply concerned about a proposal to relax broadcast ownership rules that now protect American citizens from media monopolies.

It is essential that we prevent large media conglomerates from gaining near-total control in the process of formulating public opinion through restricting opposing viewpoints.

I urge you to maintain ownership protections that help to ensure healthy political debates.

sincerely,

B. Britton

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Very

Robert

104 W.

West

CC: GrBritton@aol.com

From: Roy Bascomb
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 7:55 PM
Subject: Fw: Relaxation of the Broadcast Ownership Rules

The Honorable Jonathon S. Adelstein, Commissioner

Dear Mr. Adelstein,

I urge you NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio

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Sincerely,

Roy E. Bascomb

Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103

From: Katharine von Damm
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 8:20 PM
Subject: FCC Hearing on June 2nd

Dear Mr. Powell,

We are very concerned about the FCC's possible elimination or relaxation of what remains of limits on media ownership and possible moves which could lead to a massive wave of media consolidation. It is our belief that control of the media by a few corporations, both visual, audio and print, limits the unbiased information the public hears, sees, and reads and violates the freedom of the press and speech, so given in our constitution and bill of rights. On June 2nd, we are hopeful you will not allow a few corporations to control our news information. We are hopeful instead that you will seek to strengthen the regulations governing the industry so this cannot happen. We are hopeful you will understand the importance of trustworthy unbiased news from lots of sources. We do not want to be spoonfed what profit making corporations want us to hear so that they can make money or promote their political agendas. This is not what newspapers, radio and TV news were created to do. The news media is meant to inform not entertain. And, lastly, please allow the public to adequately respond to this potential impact on their public forum. We are grateful that at least one of your commissioners has taken time to inform the public of what is going on!

Thank you for responding to our concerns.

Sincerely,

Katharine and Charles von Damm

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"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."
-- Benjamin Franklin, 1759 (A little food for thought?)

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CC: KM KJMWEB

From: Dennis Rome
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 8:38 PM
Subject: media monopolies

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies. These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air. The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,
Dennis P. Rome
Saint Amant, La

From: Neal Mutarelli
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 8:42 PM
Subject: Please do not relax the broadcast ownership rules

I urge you NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

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Sincerely, Neal M

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From: Darlene Swanson
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 2, 2003 8:43 PM
Subject: Media

5/2/03

Dear Sir:

I strongly object to the lack of information in the media about the proposed deregulation of the media. This lack of information is, in itself, a good argument against further deregulation. Further, news networks must be regulated beyond so-called normal bounds, in order to force them to be news-not PR or Ratings -beggars. They MUST adhere to journalist standards.

Darlene R Swanson
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